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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus for operating contents, said apparatus comprising:

a contents obtaining unit for obtaining contents and rights information, the rights information including a set of rights, each right associated with a specific content, an equipment identifier and including a control flag which indicates the a set of permitted operations regarding the associated with a set of contents specific contents;

a setting unit for setting an icon chosen among a set of icons corresponding to the control flag from different forms of icons among the set of icons representative of said permitted operations and the equipment identifier; and

a display for displaying the icon set by said setting unit;

wherein the icon indicates rights associated with the content.

2-6 (canceled)

7. (currently amended) An information processing method for operating contents, said method comprising:

a contents obtaining step of obtaining contents and rights information, the rights information including a set of rights, each right associated with a specific content, an equipment

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identifier and including a control flag which indicates the a set of permitted operations regarding the associated with a set of contents specific contents;

a setting step of setting an icon chosen among a set of icons corresponding to the control flag from different forms of icons among the set of icons representative of said permitted operations and the equipment identifier; and

a display step of displaying the icon set in said setting step;

wherein the icon indicates rights associated with the content.

8. (currently amended) A program stored in a computer readable medium for operating contents, said program comprising:

code for obtaining contents and rights information, the rights information including a set of rights, each right associated with a specific content, an equipment identifier and including a control flag which indicates the a set of permitted operations regarding the associated with a set of contents specific contents;

code for setting an icon chosen among a set of icons corresponding to the control flag from different forms of icons among the set of icons representative of said permitted operations and the equipment identifier; and

code for displaying the icon set by the setting code;

wherein the icon indicates rights associated with the content.

9. (previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,

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wherein said setting unit sets a second icon when said control flag indicates permission of importing the contents.

10. (previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said setting unit sets a third icon when said rights information indicates permission of check-in of said contents; and

wherein the display displays the third icon.

11. (previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said setting unit sets a fourth icon when said rights information indicates permission of moving of said contents; and

wherein the display displays the fourth icon.

12. (previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said setting unit sets a fifth icon when said rights information indicates forbidding of check-in of said contents; and

wherein the display displays the fifth icon.

13. (previously presented) The information processing method for operating contents according to claim 7, further comprising:

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setting a second icon when said rights information indicates permission of check-in of said contents; and
displaying the second icon.

14. (previously presented) The information processing method for operating contents according to claim 7, further comprising:

setting a third icon when said rights information indicates permission of moving of said contents; and

displaying the third icon.

15. (previously presented) The information processing method for operating contents according to claim 7, further comprising:

setting a fourth icon when said rights information indicates forbidding of check-in of said contents; and

displaying the fourth icon.